# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2351
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007
EXPORT BOOSTING BY RAILWAYS
Vijay Krishna Shri

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Indian Railways and its PSUs have drawn out a plan for boosting exports in India's neighbourhood; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the foreign market proposed to be tapped and locomotives, coaches and other items of Indian manufacture in respect of which export potential is intended to be tapped?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) & (b): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2351 BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2007 REGARDING EXPORT BOOSTING BY RAILWAYS

(a): Yes Sir, IRCON International Ltd. and RITES Ltd. are exporting rolling stock to neighbouring countries. Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) are strengthening corridors to hinterland to provide better port connectivity to boost exports.

(b): IRCON is running meter gauge diesel/electrical locomotives on a lease cum maintenance contract to Malaysia since 1963. The state Railway of Thailand (SRT) had shown interest in the concept of leasing − cum − maintenance contract and a trial is scheduled to be held in March, 2007 for running of IRCON locomotives in Thailand.

RITES has plans to tap export potential for locomotives, coaches and other items of Indian manufacture in neighbouring countries. Details are given below:

# Export of diesel locomotives, wagons, crew rest vans and Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) to Sri Lanka for proposed rehabilitation of Coastal Railway line.
# To compete for export of locomotives & coaches to Bangladesh against global tenders expected to be floated shortly against funding by multi-lateral financing agencies.
# RITES is following up on a proposal to supply in- service diesel locomotives and coaches to Myanmar for which preparatory work has commenced.
# RITES has already submitted a proposal for leasing of diesel locomotives to Pakistan and also plans to participate in their future tenders for purchase of diesel locomotives and coaches.

Anti-Collision-Device (ACD) patented by Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. is under trial on Northeast Frontier Railway. After successful conclusion of these trials, Konkan Railway intends to explore foreign market for the export of this device.